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$$0.05 \leq \Delta \lambda / \lambda \quad (1),$$

where λ is a center wavelength of the predetermined wavelength band and $\Delta \lambda$ is a width of the predetermined wavelength band. In this case, the width $\Delta \lambda$ of the predetermined wavelength band is further preferably not less than 10 nm.--

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 18 as follows:

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--In the present embodiment, it is preferable to satisfy the following relation:

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$$0.05 \leq \Delta \lambda / \lambda \quad (1),$$

where λ is a center wavelength of the working wavelength region as the predetermined wavelength band and $\Delta \lambda$ is a width of the working wavelength region.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please DELETE the existing Abstract and substitute therefore the following Abstract:

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--An optical apparatus having a suppressor that suppresses the wavelength dependence, in a predetermined wavelength band, of a thin film formed on an optical surface of the optical apparatus.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 5.

Please AMEND claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-20 as follows:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) An optical apparatus, comprising:
an optical surface;
a thin film having an optical characteristic of wavelength dependence, which is formed on the optical surface; and